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The Honorable / mcGhan
The Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with a proposal last summer by the Director of Advance
Research Projects Agency (ARPA), various members of the intelligence
community have been participating on an "ad hoc" basis in an informal
"working panel" considering intelligence requirements for information
about Soviet space activities, particularly as guidance for ARPA's Space
Surveillance Program. It was proposed that this arrangement be "initially"
under ARPA's jurisdiction, and it has been so functioning.

25X1   In the case of Projects [   ] for which ARPA has re-
search and development responsibilities, intelligence support is presently
being provided through the Ad Hoc Satellite Requirements Committee.
This Committee was set up at Air Force invitation to certain members of
the intelligence community following a discussion in the IAC last April of
the need for "ad hoc" arrangements in this field. This Committee, which
is chaired by the Air Force, was established primarily to provide guidance
25X1   for the operational phase of [   ] and to coordinate requirements during
5X1   the R&D phases of both [   ] Arrangements to provide co-
ordinated intelligence requirements, and guidance to ARPA on R&D aspects,
will also be required for Project [   ]

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Since the two Committees mentioned above were established on an "ad hoc"
basis, the present unified United States Intelligence Board has come into
being on 15 September 1958. It has taken over all responsibilities of the
former IAC; and it is now appropriate that arrangements for this type of
national intelligence requirements guidance be regularized as standing

responsibilities of the Board's supporting committee sub-structure. It is also appropriate for the Intelligence Board to likewise assume at this time its normal responsibilities for national intelligence requirements and other guidance or support to the Space Surveillance Program, and I believe we shall be able to service ARPA's requirements much more effectively by such arrangements.

I have already discussed this question with the Intelligence Board; and, if you agree, we are prepared to proceed with the assignment of appropriate responsibilities within the Board's structure. Such arrangements would include appropriate provision for ARPA's associate participation on certain Board Committees when problems of direct concern to that Agency are under consideration.

I would appreciate having your views on this matter and, if you approve, having you arrange for ARPA to designate a representative who, in consultation with General Erskine's office, would work with us in our further arrangements in these matters.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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